



STATE OF NEW JERSEY

Board of Public Utilities

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WATER AND WASTEWATER

IN THE MATTER OF THE PETITION OF)	ORDER SUSPENDING
THE MIDDLESEX WATER COMPANY)	INCREASES, CHANGES OR
FOR APPROVAL OF AN INCREASE IN)	ALTERATIONS IN RATES FOR
RATES FOR WATER SERVICE AND)	WATER SERVICE
OTHER TARIFF CHANGES)	

BPU DOCKET NO. WR05050451

(Service List Attached)

BY THE BOARD:

On May 18, 2005, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 48:2-21, and N.J.A.C. 14:1-5.12, Petitioner, Middlesex Water Company, Inc., (Middlesex or Petitioner) a public utility of the State of New Jersey subject to the jurisdiction of the Board of Public Utilities (Board) and providing water service to approximately 58,000 customers within the Counties of Middlesex and Monmouth filed a petition for a revision of its rates for water service amounting to an overall increase of \$6,443,984 or 13.1% in annual revenues with rates proposed to become effective on July 1, 2005. The Petitioner does not seek interim rate relief pending final determination on the petition.

As it appears that the proposed revisions will increase existing rates and change or alter existing classifications in Petitioner's tariff, it is HEREBY ORDERED that:

- (1) Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 48:2-21, the proposed revisions be, and are suspended until November 1, 2005, unless the Board, prior to that date, makes a determination disposing of the petition;
- (2) Petitioner shall, at least ten (10) days prior to the date set for hearing on the petition by the Office of Administrative Law, file with this Board and with the Office of Administrative Law (33 Washington Street, Newark, NJ 07102) proof of compliance with the Notice provisions of N.J.S.A. 48:2-32.2 and N.J.A.C. 14:1-5.12 (b) and (c), which Notice shall include a statement that any relief found by the Board to be just and reasonable may be allocated by the Board to any class or classes of customers on any rate or schedule as the Board may determine; and

(3) Petitioner shall, at the same time it files with the Board, also file proof of service copies upon the Office of Administrative Law, the Division of the Ratepayer Advocate (31 Clinton Street, P.O. Box 46005, Newark, NJ 07102), the clerks of each affected municipality, the clerks to the Board of Chosen Freeholders of each affected county, and where appropriate, the executive officer of each affected county within its service area. Service of the petition, notice of hearings and this Suspension Order may be made simultaneously.

DATED:

6/22/05

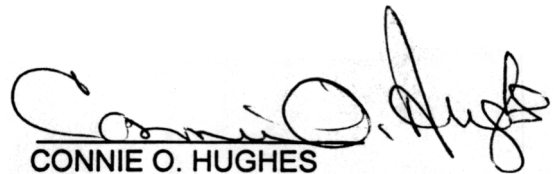
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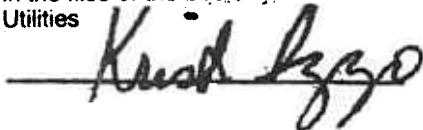
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ATTEST:


KRISTI IZZO
SECRETARY

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the within
document is a true copy of the original
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Utilities



I/M/O the Petition of
Middlesex Water Company
For an Increase in Rates for Water
Service and Other Tariff Changes
BPU Docket No. WR 05050451

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